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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131 ANTEDATING A REFERENCE**

I hereby declare the following:

- 1) I am currently and correctly named as an inventor in the pending patent application entitled COMPONENT ARCHITECTURE FOR MEDICAL DEVICE SYSTEM NETWORKS, Serial number 09/844,658.
- 2) The invention disclosed within the above-referenced patent application was conceived of by me and the other named inventors prior to October 21, 1999.
- 3) An Invention Disclosure Form, portions of which are attached, was completed that described the invention and was submitted to the Medtronic, Inc. legal department for consideration prior to November October 21, 1999.
- 4) The invention was not publicly disclosed or offered for sale prior to the filing date of the present patent application.
- 5) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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